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SECDEF FOR OASD/ISA/PP AND NSCA; OJCS CINCEUR FOR
ECJ4/7-N FOR COLONEL SCHMIDT

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SUBJECT: MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING ON NUCLEAR
WEAPONS RECOVERY

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1. BY REFTEL EMBASSY REQUESTED BY COB MAY 17 DEPART-
MENT'S GUIDANCE ON TWO POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE CIVIL
LIABILITY PROVISIONS OF THE SUBJECT MOU'S. THIS SINGLE
REMAINING SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEM TO THE CONCLUSION OF THE
THREE TRILATERAL MOU'S BY THE US AND FRG WITH THE UK,
BELGIUM AND THE NETHERLANDS, RESPECTIVELY, SHOULD BE
RESOLVED, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, AT THE MAY 19 FIVE-WAY

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MEETING. IF IT IS RESOLVED, THE CONCLUSION OF THE
TRILATERALS BECOMES MERELY A TYPING JOB.

2. IN VIEW OF THE ESSENTIAL NEED FOR EUCOM TO PROCEED
WITH THE FRG TO COMMENCE WORKING OUT PLANS AND PROCE-
DURES UNDER THE US/FRG BASIC AGREEMENT, AND
THE CONCERN OF THE UK, BELGIUM AND THE NETHERLANDS

THAT THEY BE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PLANS AND PROCEDURES FROM THE BEGINNING, RESOLUTION OF THE REMAINING SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEM IS URGENT. EMBASSY FEARS THAT IF IT IS NOT RESOLVED BY MAY 19 MEETING IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO CALL A FURTHER SUCH MEETING BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON WHICH, IN TURN, WOULD POSTPONE RESOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM AND CONCLUSION OF THE MOU'S TO FALL WHEN THERE MAY BE A SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT CAST OF CHARACTERS AT THE EMBASSIES INVOLVED. THAT, IN TURN, COULD SLOW THINGS DOWN EVEN FURTHER.

3. DEPARTMENT IS THEREFORE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE SOUGHT PURSUANT TO REFTTEL BY COB WASHINGTON MAY 17 TO PERMIT SOME EMBASSY COORDINATION WITH OTHER BONN EMBASSIES AND FRG FONOFF ON MAY 18 IN PREPARATION FOR FIVE-WAY MEETING MORNING OF MAY 19.
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